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tween said platens, said actuator allowing said upper platen to be maintained in its deformed shape against [said] a template after the bending of the glass sheet and furthermore for controllably returning said upper platen to a planar shape.

Please cancel claim 26.

Please add the following new claim 27:

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27. An apparatus for uniformly tempering a glass sheet comprising: opposing upper and lower longitudinally extending, spaced apart quench tubes; an actuator connected to the quench tubes for moving the quench tubes as a glass sheet is bent [to a desired shape] to generally conform the tubes to the shape of the bent glass sheet; means connected to the movable quench tubes for movably engaging the glass sheet; and means to supply quenching gas through the quench tubes to uniformly temper a glass sheet therebetween.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the pending claims are 1-16, which are identical to those claims originally allowed and patented except for minor amendments made to clarify the invention in response to §112 rejections received in parent reissue applications to this application, and independent claim 27 which claims Applicants' invention relating to the quench unit.

Claims 1-16 are believed to be patentable over the prior art, and are believed to satisfy the requisites of §112.

New claim 27 is also believed to be patentable over the cited art since none of the art discloses nor suggests an apparatus for uniformly tempering a glass sheet including